

In the Specification:

Please substitute the following paragraph [0020] for previously amended paragraph [0020].

**[0020]** The operation ~~operator~~ of the invention is thought to be clear from the foregoing description. Suffice it to say that during operation of the base cutter assembly 10, the rotating gears will wear resulting in ferric particles being deposited in the oil contained in the gearbox 12. Since these particles are heavier than the oil, they will gravitate to the bottom surfaces of the horizontal gear box section 14 and the wells 16, with the particles or contaminants in the section 14 eventually finding their way to the wells 16 as the machine carrying the base cutter assembly ~~assemblies~~ 10 moves over the undulations in the terrain resulting in the gear box 12 being tilted from side to side.